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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of the recent settlement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. After three years of litigation, the settlement marks an overdue end to the litigation battle. While the antitrust dispute was unnecessary in the first place, it is great to see this period come to an end. It is time for Microsoft, the IT industry, and the American economy to focus on productivity again.

The settlement reached is more than equitable for Microsoft competitors. Microsoft has been more than generous throughout this process. Most important among these concessions is Microsoft allowing for the establishment of a regulatory committee. The technical oversight committee, which will be run by three people, assures that the stipulations mandated in the settlement are carried out. This shows Microsoft's willingness to appease its competitors in their commitment to put this issue at bay.

Thus, it is important that this settlement stands. It is time for Microsoft and the larger IT industry to return to business as usual.

Sincerely,

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